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The majority of the 315,000 new refugees in Jordan are not in camps but finding for themselves in huts, hovels and caves. In this district of Amman, the hillside capital, the living have little more room than the dead in the cemetery at the top of the picture. Christian Aid has contributed £100,000 towards the welfare and relief work of the Near East Council of Churches' Refugee Committee.

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viewpoint

the way of non-violence

Until quite recently student riots could safely be regarded as things which took place only abroad. In our own stable and well-ordered society anything so ill-mannered as a riot just didn't happen. Recent events in Grosvenor Square have changed all that. What has gone wrong? Is it just another example of the "decadence and lack of moral fibre" of the younger generation or could it be that our society is not quite so well-ordered as we like to think?

Generalisations, as always, are dangerous. The motives which lead people to acts of protest, violent or non-violent, are varied and complex. No doubt some of those who took part in the recent riots in Grosvenor Square, or in university demonstrations, are either exhibitionists or the dupes of political fanatics. But many are expressing, in the only way they know how, real idealism.

Beneath the exhibitionism and the fanaticism lies a genuine protest against the kind of society in which we live, a genuine demand for world peace and for the alleviation of the social injustices currently being publicised through Human Rights Year.

What lies behind the current wave of protests is a growing feeling that the necessary changes in the structure of society cannot be achieved within the present political framework. It is a disillusionment with the existing political parties, a disillusionment which can lead to either apathy and cynicism or to the search for alternative methods of propagating the causes one believes in.

All this, however, is not necessarily to condone the methods used. Violence can never be justified, however noble the cause in which it is employed. A violent

peace demonstration is a contradiction in terms.

These words were already in proof when news of the murder of Martin Luther King was received. The foremost apostle of non-violence has met a violent death. The man who preached brotherhood and love between all mankind has himself become the victim of hatred. Can one any longer maintain that non-violence is a realistic policy? Is it still possible to believe that any revolution in the relationship between black and white, between rich and poor, between the privileged and the underprivileged, between the power structures and the inarticulate masses, can be achieved without violence? This is the question posed, vividly and painfully, by the martyrdom of Martin Luther King.

Dr. King was not a man who shrank from commitment. He was not a man who was prepared to accept any divorce between his religious beliefs and his political actions. His Christianity was worked out in terms of social justice, of peace and freedom, and he accepted as allies any who felt the same concern, regardless of their religious convictions.

And yet he knew that justice in itself is not enough. Violence may bring justice but it will also bring fear and hatred. Only love can bring understanding and reconciliation. And it is reconciliation that our fragmented world so badly needs.

At the heart of Christianity is the belief that, despite all appearances to the contrary, love has triumphed. Like the Cross itself, the assassin's rifle is not the end. The Crucifixion is but the prelude to the Resurrection. Easter proclaims that, from the standpoint of eternity, the way of non-violence is already victorious.

K.P.B.



Photo: Invalid Children's Aid Association

**will you
be my
friend?**

Huw Gibbs

FRIENDSHIP WEEK, a campaign being launched by a number of Charities concerned with the handicapped will be held between May 26th and June 1st, 1968.

Killer diseases like pneumonia, tuberculosis, polio, diphtheria and others less well known, are slowly being overcome by dramatic advances in medical science. But while we applaud the skill of physicians and surgeons let us pause to view a new situation that is developing in the field of community health which only sympathy and understanding can eliminate. No surgeon's skill or consultant's study will ease the torture of facing a life burdened by a wheelchair or mental handicap. Facing us in the future are the new problems posed by the prolonged or chronic illnesses; illnesses where the sufferer needs the skilled help of doctors, and love and patience from parents and social workers, sometimes for a whole normal life span of 70 years or more.

There are, for example, about 1,000 born every year in England and Wales with spina bifida, approximately 800 of whom survive to need long-term supervision in homes, hospitals, and later at schools and places of work.

To them and hundreds like them—it is estimated that one child in twenty-five suffers from some form of chronic illness, physical, mental or emotional — most normal activities present serious difficulties. Going out with friends is a pleasure we think all too little of. But how would you visit a theatre confined to a wheelchair? Even one step to the box office is enough to make the treat a frightening ordeal—a ready-made excuse to stay at home—alone.

A national campaign is to be launched at the end of May, sponsored by a number of charities, for greater understanding of the problems and needs of the handicapped and their families. Part of the campaign will be leaflets dealing with the different types of help and consideration required from all sections of the public and demonstrating practical ways in which we can all help to make life more pleasant and normal for those who have these difficulties.

The charities sponsoring "Friendship Week", for that is what it will be called, are:

Association for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus
Catholic Handicapped Children's Fellowship
Cystic Fibrosis Research Foundation Trust
Deaf/Blind and Rubella Children's Association
Elizabeth FitzRoy Homes
Invalid Children's Aid Association
National Association for the Welfare of Children in Hospital
National Society for Autistic Children.

Many Toc H Branches are already working with handicapped people of all kinds, but there is urgent need for new ways of seeking out and expressing real friendship as well as help. On this page there are several examples of how this can be done. The real problem lies not with the handicapped as most of us think, but with the healthy, and our reactions when faced with the crippled and mentally sick. The cure for that lies with all of us who are blessed with normal health. Will you be making a new friend during "Friendship Week"?

"JUST CUT OFF MY LEGS"

She was young, just into her 'teens, and by any standard a very pretty girl. Her face had that clear, peaches and cream look that is envied by most women, and her smile lit up the room. When she laughed it was as fresh as a mountain stream, penetrating every corner of the large house in which she was born. Her parents were rich; she was intelligent, and the world was at her feet. But she was a cripple. Her legs, instead of being lithe and shapely, were twisted and stunted. All her life they had been encased in iron calipers, shutting out the thrill of living as firmly as if a door had been slammed in her face.

Year after year she has been visiting doctors and specialists whose only contribution now is to adjust the straps that hold her captive. One day she turned to a Consultant, who over the years had become a firm friend, and said "Why go on adjusting these old calipers, why not just cut off my legs?" And for once she was being deadly serious.

This is just one of the heart-breaking jobs being tackled every day by Alice

Lloyd Davies, a full-time social worker with the Invalid Children's Aid Association. Alice has now been working with the sick and handicapped for 31 years and the advice she has to pass on to us in Toc H is invaluable, whether or not we ever contemplate working with handicapped people.

No one could be blamed for thinking that Alice was just another grandmother, with nothing more to worry about than next Sunday's baking. Her soft smiling face, neatly combed greying hair, caught on the nape of the neck with an inconspicuous clip, and simple print dress are synonymous with the picture we all cherish of the person we loved to visit as children. It isn't until you see her sitting behind her desk in the ICAA building opposite Victoria Station, in London, and she begins to talk about her work, that you realise this woman's thoughts are far removed from whether the pastry is going to rise.

I asked her how Toc H Branches could begin to help in befriending a handicapped person during "Friendship

Week". "It is essential for anyone preparing to help in this way to consider the whole family," she said. The handicapped person is only part of a very much more complex situation. Very often other children in the family may need more attention. They are denied simple pleasures because their parents are concentrating on the handicapped child. This exclusion is dangerous because it encourages a "special pet" attitude to build up almost unnoticed. "Brothers and sisters have a very hard time, you know," Alice told me, "they are well worth as much thought as the one who is handicapped." It may be more expensive for Toc H Branches to adopt a whole family, but there is a lot of sense in Alice's remarks that we should, whenever possible, keep the family unit intact.



Alice Lloyd Davies seated at her desk in the ICAA building. POINT THREE photo

She talked of the effect a handicapped child can have on otherwise perfectly normal parents. There is a mother who runs from her house and along the road with a pram completely covered in and with the shade up no matter what the weather conditions. She never speaks to anyone. She won't even stop if she can avoid it. She is the mother of a mentally handicapped child. When Alice called at the house she was shown, begrudgingly, into a dingy, ill-lit room. A cot could just be discerned in a gloomy corner. The sides of the cot had been blocked in with

an old blanket, and when Alice walked across the room to see the child the mother called out, "I don't know how you can bear to look at it".

In cases like this, where the mother is so ashamed of her family, our well-aimed efforts to entertain just the child, thereby relieving the parents of responsibility, can sometimes make the work of the full-time social worker more difficult.

A serious problem, and one that worries Alice, is that of the young handicapped adult. "We can care for them up to the age of 18," she said, "but after that, young girls in particular have a fearful dread of leaving the special schools." Clearly, treats, sweets and free eats have lost all their magic by this time, but very often this is what they are offered. What they need above all is to meet and mix with people of their own age. The girls like to make themselves look pretty. They become passionately fond of fashion and pop music. The boys feel their lack of masculinity deeply, and sometimes go to great efforts to appear normal. One boy, a chronic asthma sufferer, has reached a high standard in Judo, not without difficulty. He can now lay on a powerful arm lock, much to his delight and his brother's alarm. In every field of young people's activities there is room for the handicapped, and "Toc H Volunteers will probably be performing their most valuable contribution when they decide to work on a permanent basis with the handicapped teenager," Alice said.

Branches too can play a valuable part by seeking out those families who do not take advantage, or remain ignorant of the services of charities like the ICAA. "If only you could persuade some of the parents to seek help instead of hiding the child away, you would be doing something valuable," she told me.

"Always drop a postcard to say that you will be calling," she advised, "parents quite naturally like to have their children looking clean and smart when visitors arrive." A small consideration but one easily overlooked unless we are told. Alice is very keen on drama for handicapped people. "Drama gets things out of their systems," she insisted. Here, surely, is scope for Toc H volunteers again. There are 50,000 children needing help in this country, and the number is growing. No matter how involved and warm-hearted the social workers may be, in spite of the many hours they cheerfully give and the dedication they selflessly show, people like Alice Lloyd Davies cannot cope with this problem. They must have help. The solution is in our hands.

John Rigby

A sensational new galaxy of dramatic talent has suddenly been discovered among the actors of the quaintly named Oxford University Toc H Entertainments Group. The master-mind behind this upsurge of popularity is 21-year-old engineering student John Clarke. Tough, hard-bitten, every inch a professional, Clarke is known, feared and respected throughout the acting world.

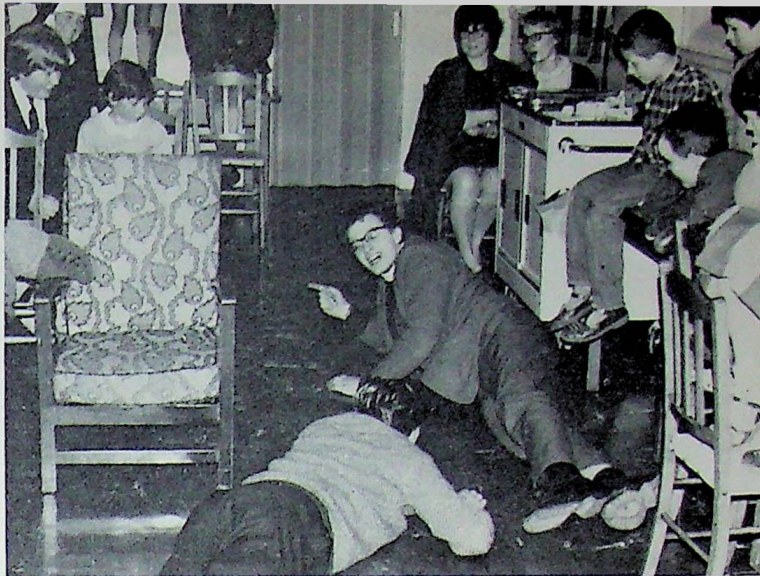
Asked what he thought was the secret of the Toc H Group's phenomenal success, Clarke emphasised its never-failing variety and originality of material. "We can give the public burning, dramatic urgency, humorous irony, tragedy, pathos, love—this Group has everything."

I thought of some of the items which have made this team famous—the lyrical statement of human frailty embodied in "Bangers and Mash", the brutal sensuality of the "James Bond" scenes, the illiterate poignancy of "The Barrage Balloon", the fleeting tenderness of "Foreign Love", the ready wit and repartee of "The Irish Army", the mysterious exotic quality of "The Prayer to Allah"—oh, and a whole host of others.

"I suppose you're always on the lookout for acting ability?" I asked. "Oh yes, that's very important," he said. "One sign of that and they're out on their necks straight away."

Crushed by this retort, I decided to confine myself to the facts. The Entertainment Group has been in existence for about three years, and tries to put on a show once a fortnight, mainly for old people, children's homes, hospitals and anyone else who will have us. In spite of being restricted to a small number of sketches, jokes and songs, and an even smaller, but very faithful number of actors, we usually manage to amuse ourselves and sometimes the audience as well. Reactions do vary: old people are occasionally politely mystified, and we are still grateful to the lady who said: "I liked it all, dear, except the comic bits." Children's audiences can take a devilish glee in silent contempt, but this never lasts long, and they are often the most rewarding audiences, reacting with genuine pleasure and really spontaneous applause.

Finally if any readers live in the Oxford area and can act, dance, sing, play the fool or any musical instrument, they have only to contact the Toc H Group to be greeted with a warm—nay hysterical—welcome, provided they realise that dramatic subtlety and craft have long ago been abandoned in favour of good, clean fun.



this is
show
business?



birth of a branch

Colin Campbell

Public Relations Secretary

It all began with a couple of members of Maidenhead Branch who lived in Bourne End. Bourne End used to have a Branch of its own which closed down 20 years earlier when, as so often happens, several key members moved away or dropped out at the same time.

You could call it a village then. Now Bourne End is a fast-growing community; more accurately, perhaps, three communities. There's the old village, grouped round the paper mill; there are the large private houses down by the river; there are the new estates that somehow seem to remain separate entities. All just ripe for Toc H, you might say. Anyway, Bill Williams and Stan Rich thought so and convinced their Branch that something ought to be done about it.

Not that Maidenhead needed much convincing. They had long been an outward looking Branch, instrumental in starting several new Branches almost a decade earlier. Some of their jobs took them into Bourne End regularly; others enlisted the aid of Bourne End people; their Mobile Action group had good contacts with the youth club and a local grammar school.

The District Team agreed to have a go and voted £25 to cover the initial expenses. The campaign began on Tuesday, July 5, 1966, and was planned meticulously. It took nine months to come to fruition. If Toc H was to restart in Bourne End it must be because Bourne End wanted Toc H and because Toc H had something positive to offer.

The first step was to get a true picture of the community—or lack of it—and to discover the particular needs that Toc H could help to meet. This was where Ray Fabes of the Regional Staff came in. He was given a formidable list of key people to call upon, people who knew the place and its problems, the gaps and the opportunities, those who needed voluntary help in their work and where to look for such help; clergy of all denominations, headmasters, councillors, a personnel manager, doctor, policeman and youth club leader, officers of the Resident's Association, Parish Council, Civic Society,

Chamber of Commerce, Community Association.

With so many other bodies concerned with community, could there really be need for Toc H in Bourne End? The answer came clearly enough. By the time the little team had completed well over 60 interviews they knew Toc H was wanted. Indeed, they had a definite invitation to re-start and a positive list of 14 needs that Toc H could help to meet and which nobody else was meeting. Plus something like 300 names of people likely to be interested.

The value of publicity

Halfway through the campaign it was quite obvious that Toc H must return to Bourne End. Now to ensure that it did. Articles were prepared for church and community magazines. The local press was well briefed and responded warmly. No opportunity was missed of letting people know that Toc H was coming back. No potential friend was overlooked. There was much to be done.

An unexpected bonus came from a sponsored walk to Trafalgar Square, organised by Maidenhead and High Wycombe Mobile Action groups to raise funds for a boys' camp. The target was £250 and they raised more than £600. Thirty young people from Bourne End took part. They and their parents could not help but realise that Toc H was alive and on the move.

So did many more people. Even the police were briefed lest anybody wanted to check on callers from Toc H (some did) and became interested themselves. For the next five weeks the Toc H team was kept busy calling on all those whose names had been suggested. Systematically. In pairs. Armed with the carefully prepared case for Toc H in Bourne End and an invitation to hear it argued at a public meeting. Everybody who had already helped with information, encouragement and advice also received an invitation, together with a letter of thanks. So did the press.

Sixty men, many more than had promised to come, attended that meeting, chaired by a young doctor who almost took it for granted that he was there to see Toc H re-established. It was, of course, Gilbert Francis, of the Regional Staff, spoke briefly. So did Bill and Stan.

Local experts confirmed the needs. Questions were asked and answered. Forty men agreed to give it a go and fixed another meeting three weeks ahead.

At that meeting a Chairman and Secretary emerged. Some of the jobs had already been investigated and were now reported upon and discussed—and allocated. Some men wanted to be in on it all but couldn't manage that particular night of the week so a variable night was arranged for future meetings. Bourne End had welcomed back Toc H. It was a reality.

It went from strength to strength. One man, whose father had been a member, found the funds to provide the first tape recorder for local news for the blind and the first half-dozen emergency flashing lights for old people living alone. He and his son both became members. A school-master offered to get the lights made by his boys. Within a month, one new member who was also a keen Cine Club member said: "This is history. Let's get it on film." They did. A short 8 mm. colour film with tape recorded commentary gives a very good idea of what happened and of some of the jobs they are tackling. It has been well used already.

During the campaign a number of women had expressed interest. Three came to the initial meeting and even then wanted to start a Women's Branch. Within three or four months, with the encouragement of a few wives, they decided to have a go themselves. Aided by Phyllis Wolfe of the Regional Staff they arranged their own first meeting. Bourne End Branch of the Toc H Women's Association is now going strong.

True to their origins, Bourne End members are outward looking. Within 12 months of their own start they are heavily involved in a new start in Beaconsfield. Once again, research shows that Toc H is wanted there and must be established. How often must this be so? How often unrealised? The Bourne End pattern is but one way of building Toc H. It is not everybody's way but it certainly seems to prove the need and the scope for Toc H today.

Whatever the architectural pattern preferred, the sign ought to go up in every Branch room — BUILDING WORKERS WANTED URGENTLY.



Briefing the door-knockers is a vital task in the operation and one in which teamwork is essential. TOP LEFT: Ray Fabes of the Regional Staff makes out the case. TOP RIGHT: The teams listen and work out their programme. BELOW: The briefing is over and the time arrives for settling queries and swapping ideas. Soon there will be hundreds of people who know a little more about Toc H. The campaign is on. These photos were taken during the extension programme at Beaconsfield.

POINT THREE photos.





Margaret Allen

After completing training based on Crutched Friars House, Margaret Allen, who recently joined the full-time staff of the Women's Association, will be taking up a position in the Midlands.

Margaret joins the Movement after working for two years as secretary to the Administration Secretary for World Mission and Evangelism at the World Council of Churches in Geneva. "Working for the Council broadens your outlook about many things," she told **Point Three**, "it makes you more aware of people and their problems, and more tolerant of other religious denominations and nationalities." Margaret is a Congregationalist.

She is very keen on youth project work and spent part of her time at Headquarters working in the Projects Office.

We asked her how she saw her job at this early stage, and she replied that "the new staff member has a vital part to play in the growth and development of Toc H at this stage in its history. But we must be permitted to develop and experiment in our own way if the contribution is to have any lasting significance."

"Operation Local". Meetings are being held in many parts of the country to explore the possibilities of closer liaison between local organisations concerned with service in the community. Reports so far received indicate that in most places a useful exchange of ideas and plans to minimise overlapping have resulted.

Clayton Volunteers. This year's contingent numbers 26. They leave for the U.S.A. on June 28th and return on September 26th.

"In for a Penny, In for a Pound" is the title of a 16 m.m. colour film of 10 minutes' duration just produced by the British Legion. It depicts some of their present-day activities and can be borrowed free of charge on application to their headquarters at Pall Mall, S.W.1.

Central Council. The report of the annual meeting of the Central Councils, which took place on April 20th and 21st, will appear in the June issue.

Veterans' Party to Talbot House, Poperinge. This will take place from Monday, September 2nd, to Friday, September 6th, and will be led by Charles Humphries. Further details may be had on application to Miss Josephine Banham at Toc H Headquarters, 15 Trinity Square.

PERSONAL ACCIDENT AND PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE

Premiums for 1968 are overdue. Branches should remit to Toc H, Accounts Dept., 15 Trinity Square, London, E.C.3, at 1s. 2d. per member. Broadening of this scheme is being introduced for next year. Details will appear in a later issue.

"MARTHA II"

On April 2nd the Women's Association exchanged their Austin Highwayman, better known as "Martha", for a new Commer Highwayman, just beating the increased prices following the Budget. A good price was given for "Martha I", despite her many battle scars following six years of worth-while service.

Bookings are coming in from various places in the south, but there are still a few vacant dates. If you want to make an impact in your District (metaphorically speaking, we hope!), use "Martha". Applications to: Mrs. Nancy Griffiths, 68 Hartland Way, Croydon. CRO.8RF. Tel: 01-777 5402.

TOC H becomes another link

Jimmy Neilly

Two years ago a social worker at a local hospital for mental disorders visited Hemel Hempstead Toc H to speak on the difficulties discharged patients so often found in taking up normal community living. Upon their return home they tended, through lack of confidence and need of reassurance, to shun the company of strangers and confine themselves to a life of solitude. Such people were not necessarily mentally deficient, but had suffered nervous breakdowns brought about by a variety of causes. A new town such as Hemel Hempstead, with its multitude of flat dwellers, might well provide an environment conducive to breakdowns.

To help such people readjust themselves to community life upon discharge from hospital "Link" clubs had been set up in two different areas. Would we in Hemel Hempstead be prepared to organise and run such a venture? This, surely, is the sort of job which has special appeal to Toc H. Once again we could become a link in the chain of neighbourly concern.

Thanks to the co-operation of an enlightened Medical Officer of Health, the Health Clinic was put at our disposal for weekly meetings. Prospective members were supplied by our social worker at the hospital. The number was not large. It would take some time to persuade such people to come along and mix together. One reason was, perhaps, any form of mental sickness is still regarded by the public as a form of stigma. From the start there was no question of Toc H members and others. We were all members of a club.

If we were to be of real help to people, we decided, evenings should have a friendly and informal atmosphere, where one could participate in a table game or just sit and talk. Having visited another Link club in St. Albans, also run by Toc H, we had a good idea of how to go about things.

From the start things moved slowly, and only a handful of people came along. However, evenings were devoted to games, a film show or just a friendly chat round a table. Nearby is a hostel for subnormal girls and women. Here was an opportunity

to provide a helping hand, and once a month a party of the girls come down to the club for a games evening. We also have a link with them through one of our Mobile Action members who goes up each week to help with dressmaking, and a group of four young Mobile Action girls who go along to run a "Pop" evening. Thus we have continuity. With a grant received from the County Medical Service we were able to provide ourselves with a record player and assorted games. These have been in constant use and proved most useful. One sign of the success of the club is that some of the men now visit each other and go out and about. Gaining in confidence they also like to sit down and discuss many subjects, and it has been possible to arrange for a monthly discussion to take place at the Dacorum College of Further Education, led by the director of extramural studies. The first discussion proved most successful and brought contributions from all the 16 people present. Recently we held an "anniversary" party to which 35 members came along.

Looking the world in the face

At the moment the number of members is not large but indications are that in the near future several new people will be joining us. There are, of course, fluctuations caused by members who occasionally re-enter hospital for a brief period of treatment. However, seeing what has been achieved by a few of the more handicapped members we have decided that however low the membership in number, nothing would prevent us pursuing the project.

It may not be possible for every Toc H Branch to launch a Link Club. It is possible, however, for every Toc H member to play a part in influencing public opinion and in ensuring that mental illness no longer bears a stigma. If the unfortunate person who has suffered a breakdown is to learn once again how to look the world in the face it is essential that he should not be condemned to loneliness.

THE SCANDAL OF

the challenge of Christian Aid Week—May 13-18

"We speak and write about the necessity to change the structures of society so that hungry men may be fed in every sense of the word. We affirm that social justice should be available for all, whoever and wherever they are."

Miss Janet Lacey, Director of Christian Aid

Photo: Christian Aid



WORLD POVERTY

by Ken Prideaux-Brune

When we read of young children going down the mines in Victorian England we throw up our hands in pious horror. When we read about the Victorian middle class whose well-fed comfort was undisturbed by the poverty and squalor around them we condemn them for their hypocrisy and thank God that of course things aren't like that any more.

And to some extent, at least in England, this is true. The glaring contrast between wealth and poverty has been at least toned down. But viewed on a global scale the picture is very different. The analogy with Victorian England is uncomfortably close.

It's not as though we were unaware of the situation. Organisations like OXFAM and Christian Aid have exposed the stark facts clearly enough. Posters of starving children have become so familiar that they have almost ceased to shock. We cannot offer ignorance as an excuse for our inactivity. But somehow what's happening on the other side of the world is of a different order of reality to what's happening round the corner. We can all the more easily pretend that it's no concern of ours. The trouble is that it is becoming increasingly clear that the other side of the world is now in a very real sense just around the corner.

However, if the scale of the problem of world poverty is either unrealised or ignored, none the less there is in this country a great deal of compassion and a great many organisations through which this compassion is channelled. It may be that what is really required is revolution rather than aid but this is not in any way to disparage the work that is in fact being done.

This falls into two quite distinct parts. The most dramatic work, the work that most frequently hits the headlines, is the emergency help rushed to areas hit by natural disasters. Every year thousands of people suffer as a result of flood, famine, earthquake or tornado and need immediate

help in cash or kind. Christian Aid, for instance, contributed £50,000 to a rehousing programme after last summer's Turkish earthquake. And emergency help is needed as much by the victims of man's inhumanity to man as by the victims of natural disasters. It is estimated that there are 12 million refugees in the world today, human flotsam, whose numbers grow annually larger.

Revolution in our thinking

But, important as this first aid work is, it is the long-term projects, co-ordinated by the Freedom From Hunger Campaign, that are potentially very much more significant. The basic purpose of long-term aid programmes is to make themselves unnecessary. Aid which is simply in the form of a free hand-out will keep the recipient in a state of permanent dependence. Long-term aid, on the other hand, is designed to help the recipient to achieve self-sufficiency. Currently great emphasis is being placed on the need to raise agricultural productivity.

But great as are the efforts being made the problem grows worse rather than better. The gap between the rich and the poor nations grows steadily wider. Aid has its part to play but is not in itself a solution to the problem. As Christian Aid is the first to recognise: "Ultimately the widening gap between the richer and the poorer countries will be closed only by inter-governmental action. Christian Aid is campaigning for increased overseas investments, loans and grants, and for more extensive trading with those countries which desperately need to earn capital for their own development."

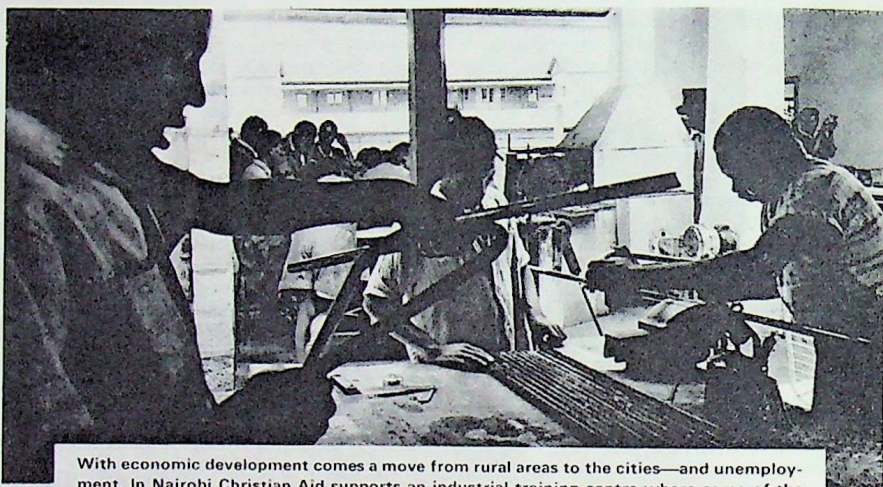
If this is to happen it will demand a revolution in our thinking. It will demand the recognition that poverty is as unnecessary as it is intolerable, on the other side of the globe as much as in our own depressed areas. In the shrinking world

in which we live we can no longer afford to think in purely national terms. The Biblical phrase about our being "members one of another" takes on a new significance. And this is not just a matter of morality or altruism. For the poor nations of the world are not going to be content to remain poor for ever. It is here, rather than in the confrontation between the Communist bloc and the so-called "free world", that the real threat to world peace lies. We cannot go on for ever pretending that the problem really isn't very serious and, like the Victorian middle

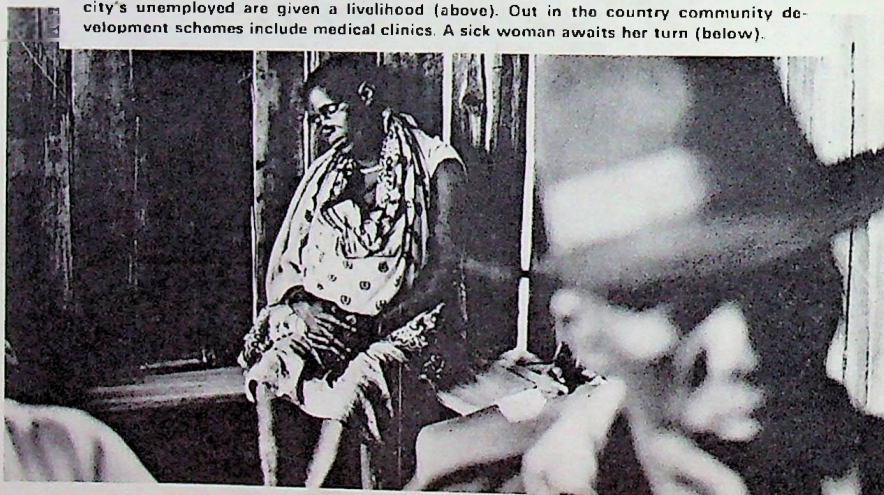
class, soothing our consciences by tossing the occasional coin into the gutter.

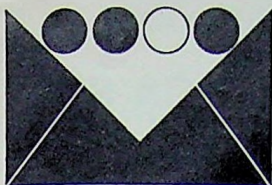
What can we in Toc H do about all this? First and foremost, support this month's Christian Aid Week appeal in any way we can. Secondly, and equally important, remembering our commitment "to influence public opinion", we should be playing our part in ensuring that the problem of world poverty is faced for what it is, and that it is recognised that political and economic structures that keep two-thirds of the world's population in desperate poverty are unacceptable.

Photos: Christian Aid



With economic development comes a move from rural areas to the cities—and unemployment. In Nairobi Christian Aid supports an industrial training centre where some of the city's unemployed are given a livelihood (above). Out in the country community development schemes include medical clinics. A sick woman awaits her turn (below).





Just to smile . . .

The article by Huw Gibbs on the colour problem is not without value but is marred by the words "to smile and pass the time of day with any coloured person we meet". This would not have the slightest effect on the present and future problems of providing equal opportunities in employment and housing for them, and still less prevent any crisis. All it would do would be to confirm to them that we consider them to be different, but are ready to patronise them. Sunny, ineffectual benevolence may be worse than our normal indifference.

R. F. Plucknett

Stanmore, Middx.

I think this sentence in Huw Gibbs's article on race relations is worth singling out for action: "If all of us were just to smile and pass the time of day with any coloured person we meet, the crisis would disappear." No doubt if the "all of us" meant everybody the crisis would literally disappear, but even if just a lot of us try it we shall find—in a well-known Toc H phrase—that it is not difficult and is half the battle.

Rudolf Loewy

Kenton, Middx.

Those jumble sales . . .

I was shocked to read your biased (your word) comments on fund raising. I agree that not too much time should be spent in this way, but there must be some if we are not to dip too deeply into our housekeeping money and so deprive our families—perhaps it is easier for men?

But possibly you have overlooked the many by-products beyond the

raising of money: Branch members get to know one another well when a small number tackle a large job, and there are lessons to be learned in discipline and efficient organisation; new members may have responsibility thrust upon them and find a bent for leadership. In these days when crafts are dying out it is satisfying to produce something functional or beautiful for sale—new skills and talents come to light, sometimes of therapeutic value. All this, and money too!

Many people (women, anyway) enjoy a sale and if successful and giving good value in a friendly Toc H atmosphere, it is a credit to Toc H and gets it better known in the neighbourhood.

And have you ever stood in the queue? I am sure this is a service to the lonely ones—I have had many conversations and heard several life stories. And if you heard some of the mums talking about the things they hope to buy for the children or the home you would realise that the sale itself is a service to hard-up families. If it is all dust and rubbish as you imply, you are collecting jumble from the wrong area.

And there is the excitement of finding something unusual—sometimes an antique. When our Branch held its last October Fair (don't worry, we only have them every second year!) I was able to run a successful junk stall outside the hall with the odds and ends from members and friends and my own purchases from jumble sales.

So if you have any brass, cut glass, old china, Victoriana or antiques amongst that stuff you will so generously donate to the next jumble sale, please send it to me for our 1968 October Fair. I shall be pleased to receive such things from any **Point Three** reader who has similarly been "conned" into buying something he (or she) does not want.

Kathleen M. Gibson

Carshalton.

I too have a strong dislike of jumble sales, yet judging from the number held throughout the year by practically every organisation, there must be some people who enjoy them!—apart from the fact that money can be raised so quickly and

easily from "other people's throw-outs". I dislike the push and grab atmosphere which reigns among young and old from the moment the doors are opened. Some Branches undoubtedly find that self-assessments barely cover Branch expenses, District contributions, etc., so that fund raising for jobs, projects and special efforts becomes a necessity.

Most Branches know some elderly or house-bound people who are very talented but who can neither afford to buy the materials on which to use their time and talents, nor need the articles they could make. By providing materials for them you can fulfil a number of objects—make them feel needed and useful, occupy their time when they are alone, give them company when you call and provide yourselves with saleable articles for your bazaar or fete.

Violet S. Mills

Weymouth.

Why spoil a fairly good article by the sentence "To run a fete, fair, bazaar, sale, or whatever the **ghastly** things", etc? The use of the word "ghastly" in this context implies a spurious superiority quite out of keeping with a normal Toc H outlook. Come off it, K.P.-B.

O. G. Anderson

Buckhurst Hill.

We weren't pipped

With reference to the "Pipped by Blue Peter" item in the March issue, the facts are these. We have been collecting stamps for the SOS Society for about two years. We sent an appeal letter to the "Hexham Courant" to catch the Christmas mail, which coincided with the Blue Peter appeal. It so happened that the "Courant" didn't publish our letter until the second week. But Blue Peter is a good cause, so why worry? We've since traced Shuan Yates and had stamp contributions from him to swell the estimated two million collected—approximately half a hundredweight, including backings!

Geo. E. Smith

Corbridge.

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ALAN PATON—"ONE OF SOUTH AFRICA'S MOST FAMOUS SONS"

Alan Paton, a former Hon. Commissioner of Toc H, South Africa, was recently assaulted by two Africans to whom he gave a lift at night. The incident led the "East London Daily Dispatch" to devote the whole of its editorial column to a remarkable tribute to Alan.

"The significance of the incident," said the newspaper, "was in the reaction to it by the gentle author. To queries as to whether the assault had changed his views towards Africans he replied that he would no more harbour a grudge against Africans as a whole than he would harbour a grudge against all Afrikaners had his assailant been an Afrikaner. . . . Instead of seeing the good sense of Mr. Paton's reply, most of our voters would consider him eccentric or plain crazy for

being so 'soft' about the whole business.

"Yet this great South African, Alan Paton, is anything but 'soft'. He is the toughest South African of all. Unlike so many of his countrymen, he doesn't sell honour, principles and religious regard for others down the river at the first hint of difficulty. He doesn't reach immediately for the gun of expediency and fire nervous shots in all directions to express his panic. His is the real toughness. . . .

"Villified by his critics, and scorned by the average South African voter, Alan Paton has none the less proved, by his outstanding career of real service to this country, that he fully deserves the reputation he enjoys as one of South Africa's most famous sons."

Cheese makes a change

In planning their recent Guest Night, the Lyme Bay District determined to provide something more enticing than the usual tea and sandwiches. Says District Secretary Dennis Till: "We held a cheese and wine party at the Chard Guildhall, with the help of nearby Unigate Creameries, whose cheese department manager (a Mr. Stilton, believe it or not) supervised the table decorations and provided us with as much free cheese as was required." The result was a very successful evening, attended by over 250 people. Adds Dennis, "We commend this type of Guest Night to Districts everywhere — a refreshing change from usual Toc H 'do's'."

Borstal boys at Toc H guest night

Among the guests at a recent Guest Night arranged by the Dover Joint District were boys from the local borstal, where Toc H runs a club, and from Dover College. The evening, which featured a talk from Cyril Cattell, General Secretary, and a folk song performance, was, according to Mrs. Lilian Bailey, Pilot of Dover Women's Association

Branch, "most successful". Mrs. Bailey goes on to say that Dover Branch continue to be involved in a wide variety of jobs in addition to the club at the borstal—"hospital library, mental hospital visiting (in conjunction with the men) and help with a clinic for physically handicapped children under five years of age".

OBERAMMERGAU 1970

Elsa Perrin tells us that plans are being made for parties of Toc H members and friends to visit the famous Passion Play at Oberammergau in 1970. "It will be a great help," she says, "if interested people will send names and addresses to: 'Oberammergau', 9 The Crescent, Minories, London, E.C.3. This will not commit you to anything but merely allow us to let you have information immediately it is available, and also serve to give us some idea of the likely response. Anyone who has already contacted Ruby Relf need not write again."

A Song from Wales

What better content for a choral programme on St. David's Eve, than traditional songs from the land of good music? The Toc H Kinder choir, comprised of boys and girls from nine to twelve years old, and formed by the Branch Chairman Peter Shock last autumn, performed among others "The Ash Grove" and "All through the night" at their concert to celebrate St. David's Day.

Miss June Horner, in full Welsh costume, performed the solo dance "The Maid of Sker", to complete a colourful and enjoyable evening.



MOMENT OF MELODRAMA. The Ingoldmells Women's Association Branch pantomime was Jack and the Beanstalk this year and our photo shows Pat Crow, playing Jack's girlfriend Marigold, being threatened by the Giant Blunderbus, played by Reg Falkinder. We feel a full description may be necessary for those who thought this had something to do with integration!

Photo: Norman Beckett Studios

"Encouraging year" for Friends of Dor Knap Open Day arranged for June 3rd

"We have had a most encouraging year," says Frank Kirk, secretary of the Friends of Dor Knap scheme, in his Annual Report. "My appeal to all Branches has been a great success," he adds, "and 103 Branches have now joined the scheme." Although receipts have not yet reached Frank's original target of £500, the Friends have none the less been able to make a very impressive contribution to the house.

Their major contribution this year has been the donation of the handsome sum of £253 towards the cost of installing central heating at Dor Knap. Another gift which will be much appreciated by visitors to the house, especially by any who have found themselves selected for "spud-bashing" duty, is an electric potato peeler. The Friends have also been able to donate an electric floor polisher and to provide money for the purchase of crockery, paint, cement and gravel.

"I am sure," says Frank, "that many more Branches and members would like to join the scheme and help support the work being done."

The Dor Knap Open Day will, as usual, be on the Spring Bank Holiday, Monday, June 3rd. Tommy Trinder, Warden of Dor Knap, tells us that the day's entertainment will include a colourful display of dancing by the Gloucester Morris Men and "a no-doubt exhilarating effort by the Audlem and Market Drayton Branch, who last year embarked on a somewhat familiar, though perhaps chaotic, Shakespeare". There's plenty of room for cars and coaches, and refreshments will be provided at very reasonable prices. Tommy asks that, if you are arranging a coach party, you should let him know, and

adds: "If you can contribute some form of entertainment your presence at Dor Knap will be even more welcome."

Have you worked on the road-gang yet? Sam Bridgwater, a Toc H Volunteer, is just one of hundreds whose aim is to leave Dor Knap a little better than they found it.

Photo: B. M. Watts, Mark 1



LARGE PRINT HYMN BOOK

Ulverscroft Large Print Books, who publish a wide range of titles in type faces about twice the size of those used in normal books, have announced the publication of what they claim to be "the first large print hymn book in the world". The hymn book chosen is the well-known Hospital Hymn Book and is published in conjunction with the Free Church Federal Council. Large print books are specially designed for those who, by reason of failing eyesight, find it difficult, if not impossible, to read ordinary books. A complete list of available titles may be obtained from Ulverscroft Large Print Books, Station Road, Glenfield, Leicester.

The care of the elderly

A valuable new handbook has been produced by the National Old People's Welfare Council. Entitled simply "The Elderly" it replaces their earlier handbook "Age is Opportunity". It provides information on the various services available to the elderly, the opportunities for the use of leisure, the activities of voluntary and statutory bodies and the

opportunities for voluntary help in the care of the elderly. The handbook, which will be of value to all concerned in any way in work with old people, can be obtained from The National Council of Social Service, 26 Bedford Square, London, W.C.1. Price 8s. 6d. (9s. 6d. including postage).

Toc H project helps to launch a newspaper

By Ian Chapman,
Assistant Warden, Croydon Centre

The purpose of last January's Birmingham project, based on Mark VI, was to help the Churches in the Newtown area of the city to launch a new local newspaper. Our function was to carry out a survey to discover what people wanted to read in a local newspaper.

Newtown is a slum clearance area now consisting for the most part of tower blocks and maisonettes. Our door knocking campaign revealed, as we suspected it would, that one of the major problems of the area was a lack of communication between the residents. One lady, for instance, had lived in one of the tower blocks for two years but didn't even know her next door neighbour's name. This lack of communication and appalling loneliness were widespread and demonstrated the need for a local newspaper which would help to create a sense of community among the area's two thousand residents. It is hoped that readers will use the paper both to air their grievances and to give praise where praise is due. Involvement of the residents in the paper is essential if it is to achieve its purpose.

Although the last part of the project was spent in arctic conditions it was very enjoyable and gave great satisfaction to those engaged on it. And our satisfaction was complete when, last month, we all received a copy of the first edition of "Newtown News".

Correspondence between a Branch in Britain and a Branch overseas not only strengthens the bonds that bind the Family of Toc H together. It can also lead to lasting personal friendships. The correspondence between the Women's Association Branches in Earley, Berkshire and Kampala, Uganda, for instance, led to Margaret Wampande of Kampala coming to stay with Mrs. Freda Stoneman, a member of

LOOE TOC H STARTS A YOUTH CLUB

by Roy Dumble

During a discussion on **Point Three** at our Branch recently someone commented that we had never contributed to the magazine. I feel that our latest venture may be worth writing about.

Our meeting place is a cosy one-roomed building, built with Branch funds in 1958. We have at present a membership of 32, a reasonable number for a small place with a population of less than 4,000 during most of the year.

Following the visit of Bridget Pulvermacher (now Mrs. Runcie) of the Projects Centre, to Looe Secondary school, where she gave her usual informal and extremely interesting talk on Toc H youth projects, Looe Toc H decided to follow this up and put their premises at the disposal of some of the young people of Looe. As usual the proposers of the idea were given the task of putting it into operation and under the guidance of Stuart Turner and myself action was taken.

Although not large, we felt our building would provide a place for the teenagers to meet, especially during the winter months, as there are no cinemas or clubs in Looe. The headmaster of the school agreed that a notice should be put on the school notice board and 14 boys and girls came to the first meeting. Toc H Youth Club was in business.

The following week there were 20, and a committee was formed by the youngsters themselves, to run

the club. It was agreed that a senior Toc H member should be in attendance at all times, but apart from that the rules were drafted by the members themselves. Our canteen was put at their disposal for the sale of minerals, crisps and tea, and they run it themselves. All profits from the canteen and subscriptions are banked in the name of Toc H Youth Club. The Branch provided the Club with a small sum of money to start with and also made a loan for the purchase of a dart board, chess, draughts, playing cards and tables. We also gave them games and card tables of our own which were not being used.

It's the usual practice of our Branch to decorate "Polvellan", the old people's home, at Christmas, and very tentatively the Youth Club was asked whether they would like to come along and give us a hand. Rather to our surprise more than a dozen turned up and went willingly to work. The following week more youngsters volunteered to help deliver Christmas parcels to some of the old folk of Looe who were living on their own.

Unfortunately our premises will only hold about 30—a number which the Club membership has nearly reached—but so far it has been a success, and we hope it will continue.

Wedding in the family

Earley Branch and Chairman of the Crutched Friars House Committee, when she came to this country to study nursing. Margaret became a close friend of many Women's Association members and her wedding to James Naluswa was a great Toc H occasion. The ceremony, at All Souls', Langham Place, was conducted by Bishop Brown, formerly Bishop of Uganda, a good friend of Toc H.



James and Margaret complete the last round of a happy ordeal . . . signing the register and neither seems worried about it too much.

Colin Gregg, a member of the Central Executive and Northern Area Toc H (extreme left), represented Toc H during a ceremony at the Methodist Foundation's National Children's Home at Stockfield when a slide presented by "Variety" and installed by a working party of Toc H Volunteers was formally declared "open". Our photo shows, from left to right, Colin Gregg, Victor Benson Children's Home committee member, R. Brian Baird and Edwin Lawson, both officials of the Newcastle "Barkers" Regional Committee. Photo: Dudley Muir Studio. Courtesy "British Barker" magazine.



picture point



It's the biggest Easter Egg in Britain and little Rachel Levy, three years old, isn't going to be talked away from it in a hurry. She is reported to have spent the best part of an hour with the egg which was on display at Holland-on-Sea during a raffle being run by Clacton Toc H. The egg is 21 inches high, six inches thick and weight nine lbs. Proceeds of the raffle will be used to purchase a Dormobile van for the disabled.

Photo: East Essex Gazette



30 years of steamed pudding

Crutched Friars House Lunch Club closes

Joan Chamberlain

"May it prove a 'house beautiful' in every sense of the word, and bring rest, refreshment and inspiration to all who come within its doors." So ran the message from the Queen (now Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother) which was read at the official opening of Crutched Friars House on 28th November, 1938.

For 30 years until it closed last March the Crutched Friars House Lunch Club has in a most practical way fulfilled the Patron's wish regarding refreshment. But its history began some 15 years earlier when for about a year the League of Women Helpers occupied part of No. 7 Tower Hill. Visiting All Hallows at lunch-time, Barbara Sutherland (who became the first Lunch Club Secretary) heard of the need for a place where city office girls could meet to eat their sandwiches and drink a cup of tea. LWH supplied a room and provided tea and buns, extending the menu in 1925 to include stews and steamed puddings when the move was made to 50 Great Tower Street. When later the Club once again occupied the big basement room of No. 7 Tower Hill it was visited by the Patron who ate steak and kidney pie and talked to the lunchers about their work as typists and clerks in nearby offices.

With the outbreak of war, Mrs. Caporn, at that time the cook-housekeeper, evacuated to the country with a group of schoolchildren and Winnie Adams took over the running of the Lunch Club at Crutched Friars House, in addition to her work as Accountant on the LWH staff.

At first there was little equipment—and still less custom—and the Club was in debt. However, as nearby offices adjusted to war-time conditions the demand for meals increased; so, too, did the difficulty in producing them. After picking their way through streets littered with bomb debris and fire hoses, the Lunch Club staff would often arrive to find the kitchen lacking gas, water and electricity—to say nothing of windows! An open fire had to be built in the backyard to heat soup which could be offered with the cold joint and potato salad cooked by Winnie on the previous

evening at her home in Orpington. Despite the hazards, however, the Club never once failed to provide lunches for those who came in search of food.

Until 1943 Mrs. Sortwell was Hon. Treasurer to the Lunch Club and it was then that Winnie Adams took over the financial responsibility. By now the Club had acquired a large "fridge", a second cooker and an accumulated balance of £177.

Since then staff, both paid and voluntary, have come and gone and the usual day-to-day problems have arisen, but Winnie has invariably managed to cope somehow, with resourcefulness and hard work. She has been loyally supported by her band of voluntary helpers and had the strong backing of an appreciative and sympathetic Crutched Friars House and Lunch Club Committee.

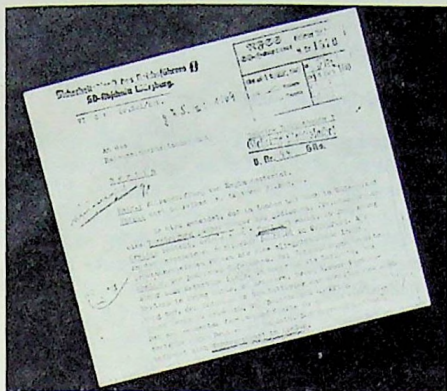
Throughout its history the primary purpose of the Lunch Club was to provide a service. It was started because a need was seen to exist and for the same reason it continued through the years to offer good, simple meals at minimum cost in pleasant surroundings. Changing social conditions and increased alternative facilities in the locality have in recent months caused the need for the Club to decline to a point where it became no longer necessary or economic for it to continue to operate; time, therefore, to turn our energies and resources to other tasks.

Through good management and reliable voluntary help, the Club has, over the past 30 years, contributed nearly £4,500 towards the repair and upkeep of Crutched Friars House.

This, then, is an appropriate moment to express sincere appreciation to Winnie Adams and her domestic staff and to all the voluntary helpers whose loyal service over the years helped to build such a happy lunch-time community.

A footnote—there will, of course, still be a welcome for any member or friend who comes to visit Tower Hill and no need for them to go hungry since lunches will still be available at Talbot House, 42 Trintly Square.

AS HITLER SAW US



At last the secret is out. The aims of Toc H, for so long a closely guarded secret, have at last been revealed. "The People" has recently published a newly discovered Nazi document, dated September 4th, 1940, which warns potential German occupation forces against the sinister influence of "Tock H". "It is reported that in London and Southern England there is an organisation of young men, mostly from Jewish and Freemason circles, which is called Tock H. This is devoted to keeping alive memories of the last war and perpetuating belief in Germany's guilt." "The People" adds that "as 'proof' of the Jewish domination of Toc H, the Nazis cited its ancient Grecian lamp symbol—just like an old Jewish sacrificial lamp."

Doesn't sound very much like Toc H as you know it? That just proves the dastardly nature of the organisation.

The Toc H volunteer group in Farnham, Surrey, recently launched an appeal—but an appeal with a difference. With the co-operation of the "Farnham Herald", the group, who call themselves The Nail, because, we are told, "a nail is used to join things together and is therefore a symbol of unity", launched an appeal for wheels. And with the old pram wheels they have been given they have built trolleys for the use of the deprived children who are given holidays by International Help for Children at Little Pond House, near Farnham. Every Sunday morning they visit Little Pond House and play with the children.

Little Pond House has been used by International Help for Children, a small but remarkably effective organisation, since 1949. Children come from displaced persons camps all over Europe and, with the co-operation of Local Authorities, British under-privileged children have also been enabled for a short period to get right away from their normal environment.

The Nail, which now has a membership of about 16, was started mainly through the initiative of Allan Hunt, Surrey H.A.C. and Cyril Hill, Chairman of the West Surrey Joint District Team. They were helped by Ingo Adams and Stephen Phillips, both of whom transferred to The Nail from Horsell Mobile Action Group and who, incidentally, have both applied for full membership of Toc H.



Photo: Farnham Herald



welcome point

The following new Branches were formally recognised by the Central Executives at their March meeting:

Bourne End (W.A.), Chichester, Salford Junior (W.A.).

The following Branches elected new members during the month:

7 Putney (Mark XX). 6 Surrey Area. 4 St. Austell (W.A.). 3 Liskeard, Loughborough (W.A.), North Nottingham (Joint), Oulton Broad (W.A.), Seaton Carew (W.A.), Tottenham (W.A.). 2 Bakewell, Bexleyheath (W.A.), Bishops Castle (W.A.), Boston (W.A.), Fareham, Glemsford, Horsell (Joint), Kettering, Pocklington (W.A.), South Shields (W.A.), Swanage (W.A.), Thurrock, Wallasey (W.A.), Westham (W.A.), West Worthing (W.A.). 1 Boscombe, Birchington (W.A.), Burn Valley (W.A.), Chippenham (W.A.), Chipping Campden, Clacton-on-Sea, Dalton-in-Furness, Denton, Fleet (W.A.), Frome (W.A.), Glenfield, Grays (W.A.), Greathouse (Joint), Gretna, Hackney (W.A.), Hayes (W.A.), Herne Bay, Leigh-on-Sea, Maghull Station (W.A.), Maidenhead (W.A.), Melton Mowbray, Mill Hill, Mundesley, Newport, I.O.W. (W.A.), North Hykeham (Joint), Oswestry, Otley (W.A.), Penge and Anerley, Preston, Rushden, Sale, Selkirk, Shoreham, Southborough, Sudbury (W.A.), Watford, Northern Area, West Midlands Area, Central Branch.

104 new members were elected during March, to whom we extend a warm welcome.

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Small advertisements must be received (with remittance) by the first day of the month preceding publication. The charge is 6d. a word (minimum 6s.). "Point Three", Toc H, 41 Trinity Square, London, E.C.3.

YPRES. Tea Room and Patisserie, 9 Grande Place. Light meals; teas. English spoken.—**VANDAELE** (Toc H Builder).

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A paragraph from the January 1968 Bordon Company Letter. Like all the Bordon Company Letters it is written anonymously.

I believe that Toc H needs our prayers at this moment in its life, perhaps as never before. I believe too that Toc H is needed at this time, perhaps as much as it was needed when God first brought it into being. It is facing new challenges, new situations, new developments, new expressions of service, new demands. In these circumstances Toc H could so easily lose its way and perish, become but another of the many voluntary societies for service, offering men no more than the Humanist offers and thus failing in its real purpose, failing to supply men's real need. Its future will not depend on "integration" or numbers, the service it undertakes, its financial stability (or its deficit). But rather on the quality of the life of its membership, the extent to which men are willing to be involved, willing to serve, willing to give of themselves, willing to see their duty as His Will. Its future will depend on whether the stranger, the agnostic, the seeker can within its fellowship discern love in action—catch a glimpse of the Eternal Realities and discover a lively faith.

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